



There is an accompanying PowerPoint for this assembly.
Follow the prompts in the script.

Prayers as Year 6 Pass the Cathedral Candle to Year 5

These words and prayers are designed to use back in school when the year 6 will bring back the candle presented at the Leavers' Service. The PowerPoint slides are referenced throughout. You may decide it helps younger children to use all the slides or you may wish to edit the presentation.

At the front you need:

- The remains of last year's candle
- This year's new candle
- Matches and a taper
- A bucket of water nearby!

Slide 1: Adult Leader lights the old candle and places it where it can be seen.

Adult leaders says:

I have lit the candle that last year's Year 6 brought back from the cathedral. We have been burning it all year and there isn't much of it left now.

When the children in year 6 went to the Leavers' service at Guildford cathedral they were presented with a new candle. It was not for them to keep, but to pass on. **As we meet together today to worship, there will be some parts for us all to join in as a response. These will be the words in white on the screen.**

Slide 2: A reading by a member of Year 6:

When we were at the cathedral we heard this reading from the Bible:

Jesus told His followers: "You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. And people don't hide a light under a bowl. They put the light on a lampstand. Then the light shines for all the people in the house. In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do. Live so that they will praise your Father in heaven."

Child who was the candle bearer at this year's Leavers' Service comes forward and passes the new, unlit candle to a member of Year 5.

Slide 3: Year 6 pupil says: **A candle cannot light itself. It needs to receive light from another.**

Slide 4: Together everyone responds: **May the light of Christ shine in our school.**

Slide 5: A Year 6 pupil says: **A candle when lit, can give away its light without losing the light it has.**

Slide 6: Together everyone responds: **May the light of Christ shine in our school.**

Slide 7: A Year 6 pupil says: **A candle burns as bright when it is new, as when there is only a small amount of the original candle left.**

The adult leader uses the flame from the old candle to light the new candle. You may need to use a taper for this. It may be safest to do this on a table rather than while the year 5 child is holding it. Place the new lit candle where it can be seen.

Slide 8: A year 5 pupil says: **Unless the candle's light is passed on, that light dies when the candle itself comes to an end.**

Slide 9: Together everyone responds: **May the light of Christ shine in our school.**

Slide 10: A year 5 pupil says: **A candle's light is designed to be seen and is best placed high up so that it can give light to all; it is not for hiding away.**

Slide 11: Together everyone responds: **May the light of Christ shine in our school.**

Slide 12: Adult leader:

Father God, you wanted your light to be passed on to others. You are the light of the world and you call us to be lights to the world. Help us not to hide our light away, keeping it to ourselves. You want us to be lights that bring light to as many people as possible.

Slide 13: Together everyone responds: **May the light of Christ shine in our school. Amen**

If safe to do so leave both candles burning until the pupils have left the room.